

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

3b. GSA

Committee No.

808

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/28/1987

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)

13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 1 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 1

Purpose

Review of Intramural Laboratory

Start

10/02/2017

End

- 10/03/2017

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$76,631.00	\$78,087.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$7,751.00	\$7,826.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$5,320.00	\$5,365.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$150.00	\$153.00
18d. Total	\$96,452.00	\$98,031.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.40	0.40

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that ...the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute's intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program. The Board is composed of scientific and technical experts. The Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism continues to provide indispensable evaluation and advisory functions in the science management of the intramural research programs. Each major program area of the Division of Intramural Clinical and Biological Research is reviewed at least once every four years. Besides the formal meetings for peer review of each laboratory, the chair and individual Board members are frequently consulted for advice on staff appointments and program developments.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board consists of ten members who are outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the specialized fields of medical sciences, psychology, biochemistry, physiology, pharmacology, the neurosciences, and related clinical fields relevant to the intramural research activities of the Institute. The advisory role of the Board is scientific and substantive. The Board, through periodic visits to the laboratories, assesses the research in progress and evaluates productivity and performance of staff scientists.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

This Board met once during this reporting period on the following dates: October 2-3, 2017. The Board holds approximately one meeting each year for the peer review of intramural laboratories on a rotating basis as required by the PHS Act. During this reporting period, the Board reviewed a Medical Officer and six staff from Section of Clinical Psychoneuroendocrinology and Neuropsychopharmacology (CPN), Section of Human Psychopharmacology (SHP), Section of Comparative Behavioral Genomics (SCBG), Section of Molecular Pharmacology & Toxicology (SMPT), Laboratory of Molecular Signaling (LMS), and Laboratory of Metabolic Control (LMC). The Board issues a written evaluation on each scientist reviewed. The Board Chair provides to the National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism an oral report of the review and the

Board's recommendations.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This Board is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities from outside the NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluation of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each laboratory requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available from the NIH staff or from other established resources.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, was closed for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the Institute, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and other personal information. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review. Reports: This committee did not produce any public reports. Maximum Number of Members: This number increased to 10 in FY18 because it was determined that the effective operation of the Board will be achieved with more members and less ad hoc consultants. As such, the maximum number of members is different than what was reported on the FY17 ACR. Based on the assignment of responsibilities within the Institute, the role of committee designated federal official and committee decision maker are held by the same individual.

Designated Federal Officer

GEORGE KUNOS SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
DE ARAUJO, IVAN	07/24/2016	06/30/2021	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MITCHELL, MACK	07/01/2016	06/30/2021	PROFESSOR AND VICE CHAIRMAN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
NAGY, LAURA	07/01/2015	06/30/2020	PROFESSOR OF MOLECULAR MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
NESTLER, ERIC	07/01/2015	06/30/2020	NASH FAMILY PROFESSOR OF NEUROSCIENCE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
NTAMBI, JAMES	02/22/2015	06/30/2018	STEENBOCK PROFESSOR OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
RON, DORIT	07/01/2015	06/30/2020	ENDOWED CHAIR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

SERHAN, 02/23/2015 06/30/2018 SIMON GELMAN PROFESSOR OF ANESTHESIA
CHARLES
VALENZUELA, 07/01/2015 06/30/2020 REGENTS' PROFESSOR
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Special Government Employee
(SGE) Member
Special Government Employee
(SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

Narrative Description

The goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and disability, from the rarest genetic disorder to the common cold. The NIH mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. NIH works toward that mission by conducting research in its own laboratories. Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$500,001 - \$1,000,000
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

NIH/NIAAA supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

75

Number of Recommendations Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Recommendations of the BSC are implemented by the IC Scientific Director within the time frames agreed upon by the Scientific Director and the Board.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

All recommendations by the BSC will be fully implemented although the length of time will vary for each scientist. For example, a tenure track scientist, who is not recommended for tenure at NIH will be extended 6 months to 1 year before termination is final. This gives the scientist an opportunity to complete projects and search for a new position outside of the intramural program. Thus, the recommendations of the BSC are partially implemented in the first few months after the review, and fully completed at later date.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Each scientist provides written comments to the Scientific Director after the BSC reviews are discussed with them. The Scientific Director writes a report and presents it to the Director of the Institute, the National Advisory Council, and the Deputy Director for Intramural Research at NIH. These reports are distributed to the Board, and the Scientific Director reports on their recommendations to the Board at the next Board meeting.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Personnel changes were made including promotions and changes in status, and decisions on nominations for tenure were based on the Board's recommendations.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Oral reports to the Institute's National Advisory Council.